# Judge Voids Purchase Of Assassination Rifle

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DALLAS, Feb. 21 (UPI)—A Federal judge ruled today that the purchase by a Denver oilman of the $12.88 rifle that killed President Kennedy was a "flagrant violation of the Federal Firearms Act" and gave the rifle to the U.S. Government.

U.S. District Judge Joe E. Estes made his ruling after studying stipulations, briefs and oral arguments.

John L. King, an independent oilman and gun collector from the Denver suburb of Englewood, paid presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald's widow $10,000 for the Italian military rifle.

The judge ruled that the gun belonged to Oswald, never to his widow or King. Thus, Judge Estes ruled neither King nor Oswald's widow was denied due process nor deserved compensation.

The Government also won the pistol Oswald used to kill Dallas Policeman J. D. Tippit.

King had agreed to pay Oswald's widow, now Marina Oswald Porter, an additional $35,000 if he obtained the weapons.

The weapons are presently in the U.S. Marshal's office in Dallas.